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MASS SCHEDULE:

Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) 8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses 7:30 AM
9:30 AM
& 11:30 AM

Holy Day Masses 5:30 PM (eve of Holy Day)
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

(Christmas and New Year's have special schedules)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

MASS FOR SHUT-INS:

TV - Sunday, 5:30 a.m. WPVI Channel 6,
Radio - Sunday, 9:00 a.m. 89.3 FM

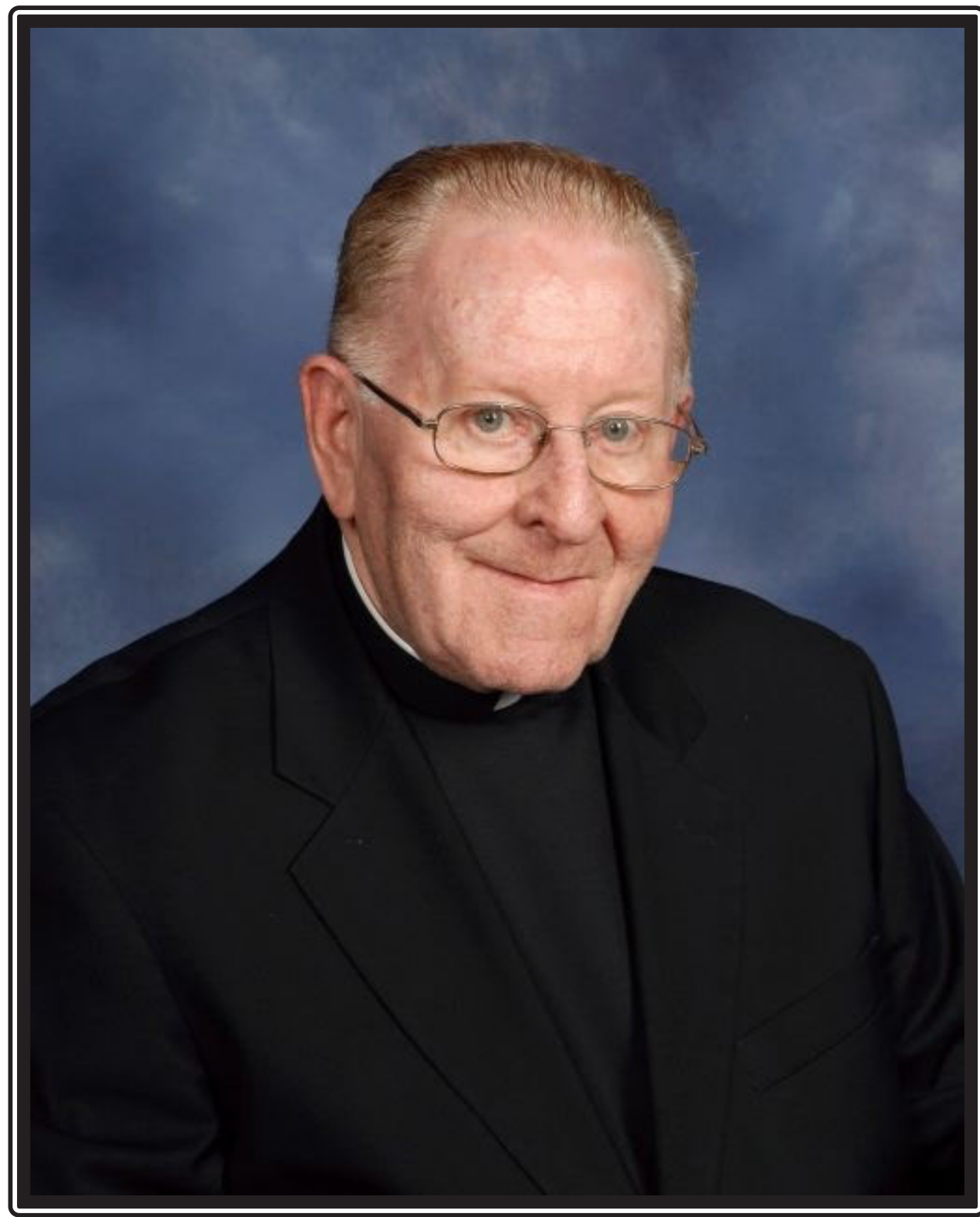
BAPTISMS: Parents should make arrangements with the Pastor at least one month before the date wanted. Baptism is celebrated on the FIRST and THIRD Sundays of the month at 12:30 PM. Preparation is held on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, 7:30 PM, in Room 18 of the Church Building. Godparents must be practicing the faith and present a Letter of Eligibility from their parish. No date can be set for baptism until parents have fulfilled these responsibilities.

MATRIMONY: To set a date for a wedding, couples must make an appointment at the Rectory at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. Weddings can be scheduled for most Saturdays, at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM, or on Friday afternoons.

SICK CALLS: Phone the Rectory,
215-672-3020.

REGISTRATION: All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should register. Boundaries: South of Street Road from Lower State Rd., to Norristown Rd., to County Line, to Blair Mill Rd., to Moreland Rd., to Maple Ave., to Horsham Rd., to Limekiln Pike, to Lower State Rd. & back to Street Road. If you are not registered, we cannot serve you in ways which require us to know you. Please call the Rectory (215-672-3020.) We will welcome you as part of our community of faith.

PARISH ACTIVITIES: Catholic Youth Organization, CCD School of Religion, Choir (Adult and Children's), Home & School Association, Men's Group, Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary, Respect Life Committee, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Senior Citizens, and Women's Group. (Notices for these groups are posted inside this bulletin.)



Reverend James A. Grant
1939 ~ 2023

A Note From The Pastor



My Dear Parishioners,

I am very sorry to inform you that our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. James A. Grant passed away on August 22, 2023. He loved the people of this parish and you loved him as well. He was very kind and helpful to me. I will always appreciate his consistent support and friendship. He had a very funny and dry sense of humor and a very keen wit, and will be greatly missed. I think it is interesting that he passed on the feast of the Queenship of Mary, who is the mother of all priests. Please pray for his soul and the comfort of his family. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Here is an excerpt from Fr. Grant's obituary. The full text can be found at <https://plunkettfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/521/Reverend-James-Grant/obituary.html#tribute-start>.

At the time of his passing, Fr. Grant served as Senior Priest at St. Francis of Assisi, Springfield, PA for over 10 years, continuing to say Mass on weekends, and as Pastor Emeritus at St. Joseph's, Warrington, PA. He also served as Pastor or Assistant Pastor at many other parishes in the Philadelphia area, as his former parishioners fondly recall.

Fr. Grant attended St. Joseph's Prep and earned a B.A. in 1962 from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. He was ordained in 1966 by John Joseph Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia. He later obtained a Baccalaureate in Canon Law (1974) as well as Licentiate in Canon Law (J.C.L.) from the Catholic University of America (1975).

Fr. Grant returned to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary as a faculty member and the Dean and was later appointed Assistant Judicial Vicar in the office of the Metropolitan Tribunal. He served as Chaplain at Philadelphia State Hospital, Chaplain for Bishop Conwell High School and as Regional Director of the Cardinal's Commission on Human Relations.

Fr. Grant made many lifetime friends in the priesthood, travelled throughout the US and abroad, collected art from his many sojourns to Rome, Italy and sailing trips along his favorite east coast beaches (especially Sea Isle City, Avalon, and Stone Harbor, NJ). How he loved to sail! He named his boat "Diesnon," Latin for a day when there is no business transacted.

He was very close to many of his nieces and nephews, regaling them with tales of his hijinks at high school, college and especially at Camp Brebeuf, VT where he was a camper, counsellor, and eventually Director, with the mischief continuing. He was a fixture at the Malone and Grant families' celebrations over the years, most recently in May 2023 with the Grants in Pine Bush, NY where he entertained everyone with his sharp wit, jokes, and stories.

Requiescat in pacem. (Continued on page 4)

Masses For The Week

Saturday	Sept. 2	5:00 p.m. William T. McGowan, Sr.
Sunday	Sept. 3	7:30 a.m. Harry Cappa 9:30 a.m. Jamie Cunningham 11:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday	8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Memorial Soc.	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Anthony Colibraro	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. David Dziedzic	
Thursday	8:00 a.m. Gerry Marucci	
Friday	8:00 a.m. Jake Marucci	
Saturday	8:00 a.m. Raymond Generale	
	Sept. 9	5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday	Sept. 10	7:30 a.m. Alba Bear 9:30 a.m. Robert J. McCann 11:30 a.m. Thomas Williams

Please Pray For Those Who Are Ill:



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Hesser, James Ritsick, John Merritt, Annabelle Long, Stanley Travis, III, James Martin, Theresa Romaniello, Gino Romaniello, Michael Pham, Brian Stec, Joyce Kelly, Mary Lishman, Dave McKay, Peggy McKay, Ronan Power, Jack Wilhelm, Michelle Bird, Wendy Jacobs.

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, September 4

*Rector's Office -
Closed



Labor Day

Bulletin Submittals

Requests may be emailed to sjc18976@verizon.net. All requests are subject to Pastor's approval and space availability.

Reminder

Please remember to make all checks for the Special and Second Collections payable to **St. Joseph Church**, not the individual charity. All donations received are then forwarded to the appropriate organization.

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 & 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 & 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

A Note From The Pastor (continued)

Happy Labor Day! It is hard to believe that this day is here already. It is good to rest from our Labors and to recognize what a blessing it is to be able to work. This is part of God's plan for us and it helps us to realize who we are called to be. This weekend it is important to thank God for the grace to work as part of our human condition and to improve it. We also remember that the blessing of work is not an easy one. While we are grateful for the opportunity to work, we also recognize in these difficult times that many people are unemployed or underemployed and we include them in our prayers too.

Labor Day also means an end to our summer vacation. Our SJR students already started back this week and our CCD will soon be in operation. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer vacation with family and loved ones. We pray for all students returning to class at this time, whether at our school or elsewhere. Thank you to the parents and to all our teachers, staff and volunteers for providing a great education and formation for our young people. I especially want to thank you, the parishioners of St. Joseph. It is through your generosity, along with the parents who sacrifice, that we are able to provide these young people with a quality instruction in the faith. Every child that goes to our school or CCD program does so with your financial assistance. Thank you for supporting our regular collection, which helps to provide our youth with an excellent formation in the faith.

We are preparing to offer the **RCIA or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** this year. This is the special program where those who are interested in becoming Catholic, whether they have never been baptized or were raised in another faith, can learn more about our faith and receive the sacraments to become a Catholic. There will be more information coming, but if you know someone interested, please have them contact the rectory about attending our **Night of Inquiry on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. in classroom 18.** No commitment is necessary, it is just to find out what is involved.

God Bless You!

Fr. Bordonaro

St. Joseph/St. Robert CYO

THE SJR CYO 20TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING is scheduled for **Friday, September 22, 2023** at The Bucks Club Golf Course. The cost to play golf is \$175 per golfer which includes, greens fee & cart, scramble format (shotgun starts at noon), lunch, dinner, beer on the course, skills events and great prizes! New this year, join us for dinner at 5 p.m., \$75 per person, open bar and DJ. We are also looking for sponsors & volunteers for the event. If you have any questions, please call Ed Dixon @ 267-918-6846.

Treasures from Our Tradition

We know for certain that the sacrament of penance was a fairly rare event in the life of a Christian in the early centuries, but that everyone had a duty to admit their sins and ask forgiveness before giving thanks in the Sunday Eucharist and receiving Christ's Body and Blood at the table. Everyone today is familiar with this same ancient pattern. We also know about Lent and its journey of renewal, and even those who are returning from summer vacations may speak of a fresh perspective on life and a resolve to do better. Saint Augustine spoke of a third kind of penance, beyond the turning of the catechumens to a different life, beyond the normal everyday fresh starts, to a form that is severe and serious. Certain sins broke faith with the community: the sinners were obliged to give their names to the bishop and were barred from participation in the Eucharist. Augustine mentioned sacrilege, adultery, and murder as the culprits, great wounds for the perpetrator, wounds that were serious, deadly, mortal. Penance was such a frightening prospect that many people delayed their baptism for fear that they would sin, a practice with which Augustine was well acquainted. Pastoral need would eventually call the church to reconsider its practice.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Weekly Collections

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	2023	2022
	August 20	August 21
Envelopes	\$ 5,019	\$ 5,223
Online Giving	\$ 2,671	\$ 2,160
Total	\$ 7,690	\$ 7,383

Thank You

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Choir News



St. Augustine is credited as saying: "*To sing is to pray twice.*" Our Music Ministry is looking for new members!

Children's Choir

Grades 2 through 8- practice begins
Thursday, September 14th from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Adult Choir

Vocalists and instrumentalists- practice begins
Wednesday, September 13th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Cantors

Those who have nice singing voices who lead the assembly in song from the altar- individual rehearsals will be based on the convenience of you and the Music Director.

Guitarist, pianists, organists, flutists, violinists, clarinets, trumpet players etc.

We can find a spot for you! No prior experience necessary and attendance at masses and practices is flexible. It is not necessary to commit for the entire year! Only the instrumentalists need to be able to read music! Please contact our Music Director, Mrs. Maria Lennon 215-896-9484 or mariaalennon@comcast.net

Electronics Recycling Day

Saint John the Evangelist Church Parking Lot, 752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville, PA - **Saturday, September 23, 2023** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Protect the Environment. All proceeds benefit the non-profit home.par-recycleworks.org. People Advancing Reintegration (PAR)

Warminster Food Bank Fund Raiser.



MaGerk's Pub & Grill, 307 Horsham Road in Horsham, will be donating 15 percent of patrons' restaurant bills to the Warminster Food Bank on **September 14 from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.** The donation will be made for all eat-in, takeout and online orders. Customers must mention that they would like a donation to be made to the Warminster Food Bank.

The Philadelphia Eagles will be playing the Minnesota Vikings and the game will be playing in the pub area, offering an opportunity to cheer on the Eagles and help a local nonprofit at the same time.

Men's Group

All men of the parish are invited to join the St. Joseph's Men's Group. Our first get together for the fall session will be on September 11 at 7:45 p.m. in room 18. During the fall session, we will be viewing the seven-episode series on the "Formed" website, entitled "Fr. Kapaun's Men's Virtue Series." Fr. Kapaun was an army chaplain in the Korean War. He is known as a servant of the men in the army and was taken prisoner by the Koreans in late 1950. He ministered (spiritually/mentally/physically) to his men during their time as prisoners of war. Fr. Kapaun died in the prison "death house" on May 21, 1951. In 1993, Pope John Paul II declared Fr. Kapaun a "Servant of God," the first step toward canonization. Our discussions will address our thoughts regarding this video series -- how do these virtues relate to us? We will be discussing one central question: "Can one man change the world?" Hope to see you at the Men's Group meetings.

Padre Pio Festival

Eighth Annual Padre Pio Festival

St. Bede the Venerable Parish

September 16-17, 2023

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, Pennsylvania (Bucks County, Northampton Township) welcomes all to its Eighth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on **Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16 and 17**. The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio.

The Sunday 12:30 p.m. Solemn Mass will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by **Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia**. The Mass is followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment.

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at **215-357-5720**.



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2023/2024 CCD Registration Information

You **must** be registered in the Parish before signing your child up for CCD. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required to register if your child is new to the program.

To register in the Parish, see Father Bordonaro after any Mass or call the Rectory if you need to make other arrangements.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – Teachers' meeting (Valley Road School Building) 6:30 p.m. – all grades

Sunday, September 17, 2023 – Catechetical Sunday
"Come to Me All You Who Are Labored and Burdened"

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – Parents' meeting for all grades, 7:00 p.m. in Church Hall (**at least one parent must be present**)

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Opening Night of Classes Grades 1 -7

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty God, We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here. We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love. A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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It was so exciting to see so many returning families and to welcome so many new families to the community. After planning and preparing all summer it's a thrill to finally be underway on a new school year.

We're grateful for the financial and spiritual support of both St. Joseph and St. Robert parishes that makes this school year possible. We're also grateful for the ongoing work of our wonderful Home and School Association and the time and love they've already put into this coming school year. We're grateful for the generous donors who provided for the new paint in the hallways and the supports for our classroom doors to increase safety.

Mostly we're grateful for the opportunity to provide a Catholic education to our students this year!

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers!
 Have a wonderful week.

Mrs. Durkin



Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome!

To register see Fr. Bordonaro after Mass. Please help us keep our records updated by notifying the office if you are moving from the Parish or have changed your address, phone number, email address, etc., at 215-672-3020 or sjc18976@verizon.net.

American Sign Language Masses

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will have a Sign Language Interpreter on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th (when applicable) Sundays of the Month at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Stanislaus Church in Lansdale has a "Deaf Community Mass" at 11:45 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Safe Environment Program

All people who **volunteer** for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are **required** to fulfill the following obligations:

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CLEARANCES MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS

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St. Joseph On-Line Giving

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.saintjosephchurch.us
2. Click on the [ONLINE GIVING] button
3. Click on the Create Profile button
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

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- Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
- Enter our parish's zip code 18976 then click on St. Joseph
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